

REMARKS

Claims 1-45 are pending as of the Office Action of April 7, 2008. In this Office Action the Examiner requires Applicant to elect a single species to which the claims shall be restricted under 35 U.S.C. 121.

Particularly, the Examiner identifies:

- Species I: Claims 3 and 17;
- Species II: Claims 4, 9-16, 18, and 31-33;
- Species III: Claims 7, 23-30, and 34-41; and
- Species IV: Claims 19-21.

The Examiner also indicates that claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 22, and 42-45 are generic.

Accordingly, in reply to the restriction requirement, Applicants herein elect Species III, Claims 7, 23-30, and 34-41, as well as generic claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 22, and 42-45, for prosecution on the merits. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the withdrawn claims in a related application(s) without prejudice.

Prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested. The foregoing is believed to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

Conclusion

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the below-listed phone number regarding this Response or otherwise concerning the present application.

Applicant hereby petitions for a any extension of time necessary under 37 C.F.R. §§1.136(a) or 1.136(b).

If there are any charges due with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicant's attorneys.

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